



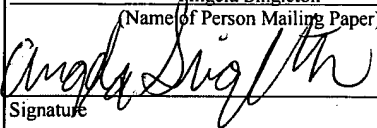
**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: SKIRHA ET. AL )  
SERIAL No.: 09/747,286 ) ART UNIT  
FILED: December 21, 2000 ) 1732  
FOR: INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH INTEGRAL ) EXAMINER:  
HIDDEN DOOR COVER AND METHOD ) LEE, EDMUND L  
OF IN-PROCESS MANUFACTURE )  
THEREOF )



**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 1, 2004.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> DP-301966	
Applicant(s): Skirha et al.					
<b>Application No.</b> 09/747,286	<b>Filing Date</b> December 21, 2000	<b>Examiner</b> Edmund L. Lee	<b>Customer No.</b> 22851	<b>Group Art Unit</b> 1732	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 9305
<b>Invention:</b> Instrument Panel With Integral Hidden Door Cover And Method Of In-Process Manufacture Thereof					
<b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	<b>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</b>	<b>HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL FEE</b>
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 -	25 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-1130 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038.					
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August 31, 2004

**Via First Class Mail**

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Re: United States Patent Application  
Entitled: INSTRUMENT PANEL WITH INTEGRAL HIDDEN  
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We enclose herewith:

- ☒ Amendment Transmittal Letter
- ☒ Response
- ☒ Acknowledgment Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136 and other applicable rules to have the response period extended the number of months necessary to render the attached communication timely in the event a petition is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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